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1. WE RECOGNIZE COGENCY OF ARGUMENTS PRESENTED REFTL (A)
FOR U.S. SUPPORT OF CONSENSUS RESOLUTION CONTAINING
CANADIAN APPORTIONMENT SCALE. WE ACCEPT MISSION'S JUDG-
MENT THAT U.S. RATE SLIGHTLY BELOW 30 PERCENT IS BEST THAT
CAN BE OBTAINED IN "PEACE AND SECURITY SCALE" AND IS
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SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN U.S. LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO

PREVIOUS UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. WE RECALL, FOR
EXAMPLE, EARLIER UNEF AND CONGO OPERATIONS WHERE U.S.
CONTRIBUTED AS MUCH AS 49 PERCENT OF TOTAL.

2. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION CAN INDICATE U.S. WOULD BE
PREPARED TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION AND TO VOTE FOR IT WITH
APPROPRIATE EXPLANATION OF VOTE. IN SUCH EXPLANATION,
MISSION SHOULD STATE THAT U.S. PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT
WOULD BE SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION
AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. FYI: EXPLANATION IS
ESSENTIAL EVEN IN EVENT NO VOTE IS TAKEN AND RES ADOPTED
BY CONSENSUS BECAUSE EXISTING U.S. APPROPRIATIONS
LEGISLATION PROHIBITS U.S. PAYMENT IN EXCESS OF 25
PERCENT OF UN'S TOTAL ANNUAL ASSESSMENT. END FYI.

3. IN EVENT SEPARATE VOTES ARE TAKEN ON PARAS OF RES
CONTAINED REFTEL (B) MISSION SHOULD VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY
FOR ALL EXCEPT SECOND PREAMBULAR AND THIRD OPERATIVE
PARAS. MISSION SHOULD ABSTAIN ON SECOND PREAMBULAR ON
GROUND THAT U.S. FIRST CHOICE FOR SCALE TO FINANCE
UNEF IS REGULAR UN SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1974-76.
MISSION SHOULD ALSO ABSTAIN ON OPERATIVE PARA 3 BECAUSE
U.S. CANNOT ENDORSE LISTED MEMBERS AS COMPRISING
DEFINITIVE ROSTER OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. LIST AS
COMPILED IS NEITHER FULLY HISTORICAL IN TERMS OF PREVIOUS
SUCH LISTS (EARLIER UNEF AND CONGO RESES) NOR IS IT
STRICTLY ECONOMIC ACCORDING TO SUCH CAPACITY-TO-PAY
CONSIDERATIONS AS PER CAPITA INCOME. AS MISSION HAS NOTED,
INCLUSION OF PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA ARE PRIMARILY
POLITICAL ALTHOUGH SOUTH AFRICA HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN
PREVIOUS LISTINGS.

4. SHOULD SOVIETS DECIDE TO ACCEPT RES TO EXTENT OF
BECOMING A COSPONSOR, MISSION MAY ALSO ENROLL AS CO-
SPONSOR IF IN ITS JUDGMENT THIS ACTION IS USEFUL TOWARD
RETAINING U.S. LEADERSHIP IN MIDDLE EAST PEACEKEEPING
OPERATION. RUSH

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